

**COUNCIL POLICY**

SUBJECT: COUNCIL POLICY FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES

POLICY NO.: 700-44

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1984

**BACKGROUND:**

Due to past storms which created flooding problems in the City's beach communities, it is considered prudent to adopt a Flood Control Measures Policy to encourage the protection of private property by property owners and define the City's position regarding protection of public property.

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy regarding flood control measures and responsibility of these protection measures as they relate to private and public property.

To provide for emergency measures when sandbags are not available during a flooding disaster.

**POLICY:**

1. Primary responsibility for the prevention of flood damage to private property rests with the individual property owner.
2. A continuing program of educating the public on the techniques of flood damage prevention shall be offered through the City's Office of Emergency Management.
3. The City's Office of Emergency Management will endeavor to maintain an up-to-date listing of commercial sources for sand, sandbags, pumps, and electrical generators and will make the listing available to the public upon request.
4. City forces and resources before and during emergency operations due to flooding shall be restricted to taking reasonable measures to protect those public highways, bridges, culverts, buildings and other public facilities, which the City normally maintains and in making emergency repairs of drainage facilities for which the City is normally responsible.
  - a. **SANDBAGS** - When local private resources are exhausted or local private resources are unable to provide sandbags within a reasonable time or distance from the affected beach areas, the City will endeavor to supply sandbags to the public from a prepositioned supply as sandbags are available to the City. The location of the supply will be determined based upon the City's evaluation of convenience for the areas most affected. There will be a charge for the sandbags to recover the City's costs in obtaining and making the sandbags available to the public. Persons obtaining sandbags from this supply will be billed at a later date.
  - b. **SAND** - When it is unsafe for residents to obtain sand from the beach, the City will endeavor to make sand available to the public from prepositioned 40-cubic yard containers located in areas pre-designated by the City. The City will also endeavor to store shovels with the sand to facilitate filling of sandbags from the containers.

HISTORY:

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